

# A to Z English



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**00:00:00** Jack

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**00:00:05** Jack

Second hey everybody.

**00:00:11** Jack

Welcome to another episode of Jack Chats today.

**00:00:15** Jack

I've got several emails and messages from our WhatsApp group that I want to mention and I'll try to hurry this up.

**00:00:25** Jack

This Jack Chat is a little bit late.

**00:00:29** Jack

But I didn't miss it I'm going to get it out there for you to enjoy today.

**00:00:35** Jack

I hope your your English language journeys are going well.

**00:00:40** Jack

I know that it is difficult to learn foreign language and.

**00:00:46** Jack

You know, English has a lot of.

**00:00:50** Jack

Strange elements to it.

**00:00:51** Jack

A lot of difficult expressions and idioms and all kinds of things.

**00:00:56** Jack

So hang in there, give it time.

**00:00:59** Jack

Just listen to the podcast and do the study guides.

**00:01:04**Jack

Answer the questions.

**00:01:05**Jack

Join the WhatsApp group and if you keep doing that over time, you're going to see some nice improvement in your English and I know you have lots of other stuff to do on Robins channel and mikes channel.

**00:01:22**Jack

Uhm, and that's all good stuff too, of course, but.

**00:01:27**Jack

If you're if you're doing laundry or cleaning the dishes or washing the dishes or whatever, listen to a podcast, pop on in and listen to a quick chat.

**00:01:38**Jack

Listen to an idiom episode.

**00:01:39**Jack

Listen to, uh, grammar chat or grammar discussion, whatever.

**00:01:44**Jack

They're all, they're all helpful.

**00:01:46**Jack

They're all useful.

**00:01:47**Jack

So anyway, today I want the first person I want to mention is I got a message from Kevin New and Kevin New.

**00:01:56**Jack

Is he's very, very diligent student.

**00:02:02**Jack

Yeah it does his homework.

**00:02:04**Jack

He's good to his parents I.

**00:02:06**Jack

Just I know I can tell.

**00:02:08**Jack

He's a good son to his parents.

**00:02:10**Jack

A good brother.

**00:02:11**Jack

Uh, to his siblings and an excellent student, especially an excellent English student, and so convenient.

**00:02:20**Jack

I just wanted to mention that you sent me an e-mail and you told me something very interesting and that is that you have started your own YouTube channel.

**00:02:31**Jack

So Covina is not only a student, but he is also a teacher.

**00:02:38**Jack

And convenu.

**00:02:40**Jack

Is I want to.

**00:02:42**Jack

Tell everybody to go to his.

**00:02:45**Jack

Website and it looks like it was English. Com with Kavi new and if I have that wrong, convenient, please tell me what the correct YouTube channel is, what the the name of the YouTube channel it looks. The one you sent me was english.com and.

**00:03:05**Jack

I'm not sure if that's the right one, not come, but yeah, it says here. Covina Green with english.com.

**00:03:15**Jack

Covina Green with english.com. I'm sorry Kevin new Gavin with english.com and I'll put.

**00:03:23**Jack

It in my show notes.

**00:03:25**Jack

Uhm, so just to make sure that I don't, uh, in case that you didn't catch what I said, but it was convenient.

**00:03:33**Jack

Ave devine QQ N with english.com and it's on YouTube and that's his channel, so let's give Covina some support and let's you know, prop up his channel, give his channel lots of clicks, lots of views and.

**00:03:54**Jack

You know we can all learn from each other too, so it's great to have another colleague a you tuber in the SHA English sphere.

**00:04:05**Jack

As A to Z is, you know, graciously.

**00:04:10**Jack

Robin was nice enough to reach out to Kevin and me and invite us to come into his YouTube or podcasting family.

**00:04:19**Jack

And so now we're part of that.

**00:04:24**Jack

You know system and it looks like Covina is jumping on the train to so great to great to have you as a fellow you tuber.

**00:04:35**Jack

So let's go to the WhatsApp group.

**00:04:38**Jack

So what's happening in our?

**00:04:39**Jack

WhatsApp group well.

**00:04:41**Jack

In her WhatsApp group, I saw a couple of very interesting messages and I apologize if I'm trying to read messages from different people each time, so I know that a lot of you will write me every time, and that's great.

**00:04:55**Jack

I read all of them and I try to reply.

**00:04:57**Jack

But when it comes to Jack Chats, I'll try to read from new people and then I'll also go back and read from, you know, people that have already sent messages.

**00:05:07**Jack

So I'm kind of jumping back and forth a little bit, but we have a couple of people who have posted on the WhatsApp.

**00:05:14**Jack

One is Selma in Selma is from France.

**00:05:17**Jack

So someone writes in South of France we have a temperate climate.

**00:05:22**Jack

Even though like everywhere we can notice some evolutions with the climate with climate change such as.

**00:05:29**Jack

Hottest hottest temperatures in summer and in winter as well, which that's definitely happening.

**00:05:36**Jack

It's like the hottest summer we've on record the hottest winter on record.

**00:05:40**Jack

She says regarding the rain, we have few rainy days during the year.

**00:05:46**Jack

But when the rain is here for three days, for example, we have a heavy rain with strong wind.

**00:05:53**Jack

And I'm sorry.

**00:05:55**Jack

I lost my place so I have to often buy new umbrellas because the wind breaks them.

**00:06:02**Jack

When it's raining on on most of the time, depressed and grumpy.

**00:06:07**Jack

Generally in the South of France, people are all depressed when it's raining and complain a lot like I'm wet, there's a traffic jam.

**00:06:17**Jack

It was horrible.

**00:06:18**Jack

I cannot stand this day without sunlight.

**00:06:22**Jack

I think we just complain to have something to say.

**00:06:25**Jack

I don't know if people are really angry or it's if it's just a habit.

**00:06:29**Jack

Very interesting observation.

**00:06:31**Jack

Lastly, what I observed about the climate change is that we have had floods in the summer and forest fires due to increased temperatures.

**00:06:41**Jack

Nice and some.

**00:06:42**Jack

I think what you're describing in the South of France is happening in lots of places.

**00:06:48**Jack

Uhm, California forest fires drought drought is not enough water.

**00:06:55**Jack

Not enough rain, UM?

**00:06:59**Jack

Yeah, it's really.

**00:07:00**Jack

It's it's so sad because yeah, it it it.

**00:07:05**Jack

It's such a big problem that it feels like people.

**00:07:11**Jack

Can handle it.

**00:07:12**Jack

It's too big.

**00:07:14**Jack

And so people just turn their brains off.

**00:07:16**Jack

Like I don't want to think about climate change because.

**00:07:20**Jack

If I think about it, it makes me sad and so I'm not going to try to fix it.

**00:07:26**Jack

I'm just going to not think about it, so that's why I think.

**00:07:30**Jack

Some people like Greta tjernberg.

**00:07:35**Jack

She's a real hero.

**00:07:37**Jack

You know she's actually thinking.

**00:07:39**Jack

About it all.

**00:07:40**Jack

The time and she's an activist and she's trying to, you know.

**00:07:47**Jack

Help our societies fix the problem and I I really admire her for that.

**00:07:57**Jack

All right?

**00:07:58**Jack

Let me go.

**00:07:59**Jack

To another WhatsApp that was great.

**00:08:01**Jack

Thank you Simon.

**00:08:02**Jack

Very interesting and excellent observations.

**00:08:06**Jack

This one is happy.

**00:08:07**Jack

Diwali Diwali is a Hindu religious festival and this is from Ron, Ron it or run it.

**00:08:14**Jack

I apologize if I have said your name incorrectly.

**00:08:17**Jack

Send me a WhatsApp message.

**00:08:19**Jack

And I will and tell me how to pronounce your name correctly.

**00:08:23**Jack

It's a Hindu religious festival of lights and is one of the most important festivals with Hinduism. The festival usually lasts 5 days or six in some regions of India and is celebrated during the Hindu lunisolar month Kartika between mid-october and mid November.

**00:08:42**Jack

One of the.

**00:08:43**Jack

Most popular festivals of Hinduism, Diwali, Diwali.

**00:08:47**Jack

Symbolizes the spiritual victory of light over darkness and good over evil and knowledge.

**00:08:53**Jack

Over ignorance.

**00:08:54**Jack

The festival is lively associated with Lakshmi, goddess of prosperity in Kenisha, God of wisdom and the remover of obstacles with many other regional traditions.

**00:09:05**Jack

Connecting the holiday to Sita and Rama.

**00:09:08**Jack

Vishnu, Krishna.

**00:09:12**Jack

Shiva Kali handyman kobara young Yama Yami Dhanvantari vishkar Carmen.

**00:09:22**Jack

Furthermore, it is a celebration of the day Rama returned to his Kingdom in Aotea with his wife Sita and his brother Lakshmana.

**00:09:32**Jack

After defeating the demon Ravana in Lanka and serving 14 years of exile.

**00:09:42**Jack

That sounds like a awesome festival.

**00:09:46**Jack

I would love to experience Diwali.

**00:09:50**Jack

Uhm, if you have any any of our Indian?

**00:09:54**Jack

Sorry but maybe.

**00:09:57**Jack

I shouldn't say Indian, maybe Hindu or anyone who celebrates this holiday.

**00:10:05**Jack

If you're from India or other countries, but you still celebrate this holiday.

**00:10:11**Jack

And you have some.

**00:10:12**Jack

Experiences with it.

**00:10:14**Jack

Please send me an e-mail.

**00:10:17**Jack

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**00:10:19**Jack

Englishpodcast@gmail.com I would love to hear what you do during this festival like what is the you know from?

**00:10:27**Jack

I want to hear from an actual person who celebrates it, what kind?

**00:10:31**Jack

Of foods do.

**00:10:32**Jack

You eat, what do you do?

**00:10:33**Jack

Do you get together with your family?

**00:10:35**Jack

Do you?

**00:10:36**Jack

Is it?

**00:10:36**Jack

Is there is there dancing?

**00:10:38**Jack

Is there.

**00:10:39**Jack

How do you celebrate this?

**00:10:42**Jack

It sounds amazing.

**00:10:44**Jack

So anyway, I would love to hear more about Diwali so hopefully.

**00:10:49**Jack

Our listeners out there.

**00:10:51**Jack

Well, send me an e-mail and share.

**00:10:53**Jack

And the last one this.

**00:10:55**Jack

Now this person is a great supporter of the show and.

**00:11:01**Jack

We've even interviewed her.

**00:11:03**Jack

Her name is Leila and she's from Saudi Arabia and she is very interested in English and loves to, you know, write emails and chats and does always does the homework and study guides and everything.

**00:11:16**Jack

So I like to read her emails to you guys because I think she has really interesting things to say.

**00:11:23**Jack

So I'm going to read her e-mail. This will be the last one today for the Jack Chat. I listened to episodes four and five of Jack chats, and I liked it so much for the level of your episodes is great for me. I can understand almost 95%.

**00:11:37**Jack

But the part of.

**00:11:38**Jack

Your speech that I sometimes can't figure.

**00:11:41**Jack

Figure out is about.

**00:11:42**Jack

Using some idioms and advanced words and expressions.

**00:11:45**Jack

And then Layla.

**00:11:46**Jack

It's not your fault, that's my fault, I.

**00:11:48**Jack

Should use I.

**00:11:49**Jack

Shouldn't use some of the words that I use.

**00:11:51**Jack

Sometimes I think I use.

**00:11:54**Jack

You know, two difficult vocabulary even for my students in Korea.

**00:11:59**Jack

They sometimes complain to me.



**00:12:01**Jack

And it's my it's just my bad habit.

**00:12:05**Jack

Therefore, sometimes I prefer to listen to it on YouTube to be able to read the subtitles at the same time.

**00:12:11**Jack

Then we try to check any new vocabulary that I don't recognize regarding learning English.

**00:12:17**Jack

I don't reach out to give up during my learning English, but I feel disappointed and sad sometimes.

**00:12:25**Jack

Especially when I see other people speak English better than me and I have a variety of different things to express their thoughts.

**00:12:31**Jack

In contrast, I study.

**00:12:33**Jack

Hard and put a huge.

**00:12:34**Jack

Effort and time from English, although I don't know when they started learning English and their abilities to learn something that causes me to sometimes worry and be stressed.

**00:12:44**Jack

Now I try to combat this situation.

**00:12:47**Jack

What do you?

**00:12:47**Jack

Advise to me.

**00:12:50**Jack

This is great 'cause this is true for me.

**00:12:53**Jack

For anybody that's learning anything.

**00:12:56**Jack

I'm going to give you an.

**00:12:57**Jack

Example, so I started playing the guitar when I.

**00:12:59**Jack

Was 18 years.

**00:13:00**Jack

Old, but I never took any lessons.

**00:13:03**Jack

I just learned from my friends.

**00:13:06**Jack

And I learned from books, and I learned from.

**00:13:11**Jack

Uhm well later YouTube and stuff like that.

**00:13:16**Jack

And I thought I was.

**00:13:18**Jack

Getting pretty good at the guitar.

**00:13:20**Jack

And then I met a new friend and my new friend.

**00:13:26**Jack

Took the guitar and played it incredibly well.

**00:13:32**Jack

Could do all kinds of scales and all kinds of things on the guitar.

**00:13:36**Jack

And it really and then.

**00:13:39**Jack

I decided I don't want to play the guitar anymore, so I put my guitar away because I felt bad because the other person was so much better than me.

**00:13:49**Jack

But then I realized later that that's not a.

**00:13:54**Jack

It's not a good way to approach life.

**00:13:57**Jack

That you there will always be.

**00:14:01**Jack

People that are better at anything that you do like for example.

**00:14:06**Jack

On the teacher, there are better teachers than me.

**00:14:09**Jack

I just know it.

**00:14:10**Jack

There have to be and so you know it's it's going to happen like there are.

**00:14:16**Jack

There are going to be better teachers.

**00:14:17**Jack

There are going to be better piano players.

**00:14:19**Jack

There can be better guitar players.

**00:14:21**Jack

There will be better English speakers.

**00:14:23**Jack

The world is just so full of.

**00:14:26**Jack

Of interesting and dynamic.

**00:14:28**Jack

People that you're just going to meet people that are just naturally so good at something or it's good at everything you know and I just don't think you should let it.

**00:14:40**Jack

Get make you feel about you know.

**00:14:44**Jack

Because the only.

**00:14:46**Jack

Thing that matters is.

**00:14:48**Jack

Are you?

**00:14:49**Jack

Do you feel?

**00:14:50**Jack

Fulfilled by studying English and do you still enjoy it if you get joy out of it, pursue it.

**00:14:57**Jack

Continue just like the guitar.

**00:14:59**Jack

I realized you know what I'm not good at the guitar, but I'm not going to quit the guitar because somebody else is better than me.

**00:15:05**Jack

I mean, almost everybody is better at the guitar than me.

**00:15:08**Jack

Like anyone who studied the.

**00:15:10**Jack

Guitar is probably better than me.

**00:15:12**Jack

I never took any lessons, but I still love to play.

**00:15:15**Jack

It makes me happy and if it makes me happy then.

**00:15:19**Jack

Why would I quit?

**00:15:21**Jack

Like it's such a silly reason to quit because somebody else is better, UM.

**00:15:26**Jack

Just does it bring you joy.

**00:15:29**Jack

Does it bring you happiness?

**00:15:30**Jack

And I can tell, I know Layla.

**00:15:31**Jack

The answer to those questions are yes, you English brings you joy.

**00:15:37**Jack

English learning English makes you happy.

**00:15:40**Jack

I can tell because if you didn't enjoy it, you wouldn't have continued studying it.

**00:15:45**Jack

As long as you have.

**00:15:47**Jack

And you wouldn't be.

**00:15:48**Jack

As good as you are, trust me.

**00:15:50**Jack

For every person that you look out and say oh does he or she is so much better at English than me, there are probably hundreds of people looking at you and saying, oh Wow, Layla speaks English so well, I I.

**00:16:06**Jack

I can never be at that level.

**00:16:09**Jack

People look at you for and have the same feeling.

**00:16:12**Jack

So it's just.

**00:16:14**Jack

It's all in our heads.

**00:16:15**Jack

You know, it's all mental, and if you can just forget about that and forget about you know the other people and just pursue it because you enjoy it because it makes you happy and and you'll get better at your own pace.

**00:16:29**Jack

You don't need.

**00:16:30**Jack

It's not a race, there's no race.

**00:16:32**Jack

To learn.

**00:16:34**Jack

People study languages their whole lives.

**00:16:37**Jack

They still studying when they're 80, and it's great.

**00:16:40**Jack

It's good for their brains to learn new things and to, you know, continue learning.

**00:16:45**Jack

So I I wouldn't look at it as like something you will finish.

**00:16:49**Jack

I would look at studying English as something that you will always do your whole life.

**00:16:53**Jack

It's it's part of your.

**00:16:55**Jack

It now it's part of your life.

**00:16:57**Jack

I I study English, this is what?

**00:16:59**Jack

I do and.

**00:17:00**Jack

I will always continually learn and try to get better forever, and I think that's a better way to approach it.

**00:17:08**Jack

The second-half of of Leila's e-mail says. In addition, when I listen to episode 5 of Jack Chats, I would like to share with you my experience with music.

**00:17:17**Jack

Songs believe it or not, I have been living in a closed, strict and conservative society, especially my childhood and teens.

**00:17:24**Jack

The cultural religious background of my society deprived most people, most things which were related to art, such as singing, acting, drawing, and sculpture.

**00:17:35**Jack

In sculpting, that prevented me to practice most of my talents and hobbies and enjoy them, such as playing on the piano there for singing was forbidden strongly, except for religious singing.

**00:17:46**Jack

As a consequence, I have no experience about music genres.

**00:17:50**Jack

When I became an adult, I really, deeply feel sad that I missed a lot of art.

**00:17:55**Jack

Finally, I feel happy for new generations because the culture and laws started changing here.

**00:18:00**Jack

Thank you so much Jack for giving me this chance to express some of my thoughts.

**00:18:04**Jack

The second part I I wish I I could.

**00:18:09**Jack

Relate to it, but honestly I just I feel sad for you that you didn't get to experience that when.

**00:18:16**Jack

You were young.

**00:18:18**Jack

But I'm glad that that things have changed, and it's never too late.

**00:18:23**Jack

You know, you can still learn about new music and art.

**00:18:28**Jack

Now, I mean, there's no, there's no time limit, it's not something that you.

**00:18:34**Jack

Can't enjoy it.

**00:18:35**Jack

You can only enjoy when you're young.

**00:18:37**Jack

All the music is for everybody to enjoy all the time, any age.

**00:18:41**Jack

So I'm glad that you at least now got the chance to experience and listen to some some more.

**00:18:51**Jack

You know music and be.

**00:18:53**Jack

Exposed to different kinds of arts.

**00:18:56**Jack

And I'm glad to hear that you're still studying, like watching YouTube videos and and and taking a class online to do your artwork because you're you have this talent.

**00:19:07**Jack

This this wonderful gift.

**00:19:09**Jack

And you're not wasting it.

**00:19:11**Jack

You're you're creating art, and that's really.

**00:19:15**Jack

And that's really cool, so I commend you I I think I have a lot of respect for for you Lena and I appreciate your sharing your story with us, so it's so interesting to to read all of your emails and messages.

**00:19:33**Jack

So this Jackie Chan.

**00:19:35**Jack

Took a little bit longer than I thought it would, but I'm going to wrap it up right now.

**00:19:40**Jack

And if you guys want to help me out, you can go to Apple Podcasts and you can give.

**00:19:45**Jack

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**00:19:47**Jack

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**00:20:17**Jack

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**00:20:28**Jack

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So tell your friends about the A-Z English podcast and with that I'll say goodbye. We'll see you next time.

**00:20:37** Jack

Thanks everybody bye bye.

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